

“Comments from Students & Parents”

There is no confirmed evidence of the Comfort Women incident actually happening. For many years, Korea has claimed and protested of how they were treated so poorly, but their opinions lack obvious evidence. Integrating false history into a history book for students should not be done since the new generation will grow up learning a made up history and will create a biased view against Japanese people. - **Steven Iwahashi**, Torrance, CA

This is divisive. - **Brad Miller**, Los Angeles, CA

There are millions of atrocities that happen every year. This is one that happened during one war. There are millions atrocities it happened during each war, so if we are to focus on this one not only do the facts need to be clarified, Justification for including this atrocity over all the other millions of atrocities needs to be justified to be able to include them in the high school texts. Since history is rife with atrocities, we must understand the purpose that we intend for high school students in America to learn from the atrocities that we select to put in text books. If our purposes are not clear or balanced, then we should leave out that which may harm not only an apologetic country, but also that which may cause undue prejudice and instill undue bias in our American youth. - **William Morales**, Torrance, CA

Stand with us for truth and fairness!! - **Yukie Tanuma**, Sierra Madre, CA

We know that American people cherish and esteem fairness, justice, and truth. We hope that you will make a truthful, fair, and objective judgment on this issue. - **K T**, Huntington Beach, CA

The proposed syllabus, if implemented, would only promote hate towards the people and nation of Japan and generate unnecessary racial divide within this country. It is also hypocritical not to mention the Vietnamese women who were raped and/or coerced into to sex slavery by the US and Korean soldiers during the Vietnam War. The State should refrain from conforming to any attempt to exploit the humanitarian issue of comfort women for the political cause of the PRK-ROK-PRC's negative campaigning against Japan. No curriculum should be created on inaccurate knowledge of history. No constructive dialogue about human rights issues could be generated on propaganda. - **Kazumi Takahashi**, Chino Hills, CA

It might be true that Japanese military afflicted Korean women during the war, BUT it's also true that many countries, including Korean and US military did the same for women all over the world during the war. It must not be taught as if ONLY Japanese military did terrible things.

- **Tomo Yuki**, Torrance, CA

Teaching harsh history is fine, but only when it's accurate. - **Jason Wright**, Niagara Falls, NY

This claim was historically incorrect and politically motivated simply to tarnish Japan's reputation. Despite of evidence proven, people claim this never looks at this evidence and doing political campaign world-wide. We need to teach "history based on proven fact" to our children. - **Toshi Harima**, Roselle, IL

NOT to teach 'Comfort Women' in California! Racial discrimination is wrong!

- **YULING SU**, Taipei, Taiwan

Teaching students should only based on the historical facts, not fantasy.

- **Eiji Suzuki**, Fair Oaks, CA (1/28/16)

The State of California should not be involved with an issue between foreign countries regardless of the subject. Especially in the education of young people, politically motivated subjects are very dangerous to build the future of the United States. I am a US citizen and protest to adding the Comfort Women subject in the California school text books. If we do, the content has to be thoroughly verified against the facts and the officially recognized documents that are agreed upon by all involved countries. - **SUSUMU URATA**, San Jose, CA

I wondered why the experts in California Department of Education have never researched the evidences of the issue in U.S. National Archives. There are a lot of evidences that the comfort women were high paid prostitutes nothing more.

Don't you trust U.S. government?

I have trusted U.S. government. - **NAKAGAWA YUKIE**, Chicago, IL

The gospel of political correctness has blotted out the search for truth. Inclusion of such irresponsible claims will only increase the stampede toward home-schooling, justifiably.

- **Whittier Robert**, Japan

The comfort women issue is propaganda. The number of 200,000 comes from the Japanese women's volunteer service worked at factories in the war. The N.Korean and Asahi shimbun fabricated the war prostitutes who earned almost half million dollars in a year. I strongly against the biased info by the anti-Japanese media and political activists who ignore the comfort women issue in the Korean War and Vietnam War by the Korean army.

– **Junko Aoyama**, Australia

CAUTION: Because it is “incorrect skewed” propaganda initiated by anti-Japanese pro-communist extreme activists. Complying with their distorted ideas and spreading their words would do harm to underage minors, their future, and ultimately damage not only California but the entire US soil.

It would be a question to educators that truly believes in dedicating their life for future of California and innocent underage minors raised in California. And, another question is whether 10th grade minor mature enough to learn about comfort woman. Every state has its rightful choice to select teaching materials but we must always remember that minor of such age at elementary phase may be still at “pupil” level whereas teaching faculties must guide each pupil in terms of appropriate teaching materials having correct contents. We must do this, as minors at such pupil level could not defend oneself against massive intrusion of information, both true and untrue, or it is highly likely they could be brainwashed rather easily. Therefore, it is our obligation as grownups to protect pupils in selection of teaching materials. There may be several criteria in selection process of the materials. However, it should be limited to the materials regarded as truth. We teach our minors not to lie although in reality our adult life is filled with untruthful conducts and lies. Having said that “not tell lie” is our idealism, at least we should make our best effort teaching truth to reflect our idealism upon underage minors so they would recall values of sincerity and honesty one day after becoming grownups.

Comfort women issue presented through mass media today has been used as political means with evil intent to fabricate and amplify the true original meaning of “comfort woman” to the level of untruthful fiction. The so-called “comfort women” existed but they were paid “professional” prostitutes that offered sexual services to men in armed forces.

Hence, today, through mass media, these women are labeled as sex slaves. Moreover, they are even described to extreme extent as “underage” virgin sex slaves some 200,000 in number. This is the result of propaganda initiated by anti-Japanese pro-communist activists. And, it is furthermore propagated via mass media in such way that armed forces of Imperial

Japan forced them to become sex slaves. This misinformation originated from a 1991 newspaper article from Asahi Shinbun, one of the major mass media corporate entities in Japan, with left-winged ideas. As to why they are left-winged along with many other mass media, educators in California could investigate if interested. In 2014, Asahi Shinbun finally admitted that the article was "NOT TRUE" but limited its statement within Japan, solely printed in Japanese. The company has not communicated the same in English. Unfortunately, the faulty fabricated article has been used as a propaganda tool since then. The activists took advantage of the fabricated article and used as means to stir up political relations between countries that were preyed on. For example, they preyed on local authorities to install statues of comfort women in different locations within the US. Similar statue is placed on public property located in front of Japanese embassy in Seoul, South Korea. They have continued to prey on South Korean citizens and its government for years through their history education materials, high percentage of which are criticisms on Imperial Japan. If educators in California were to review contents of history books used in South Korea, one would find dedicated efforts of the activists. And, their scheme is to demonstrate the same to education materials in California. This is dangerous not just to taint California but ultimately to contaminate the entire US soil along with other influxes of ideas planned on their political agenda. To date, the activists successfully paved their ways so as to request Japanese government apologize to South Koreans government on numerous occasions regarding the subject of comfort women. And, Japanese government made the latest, so far known to be "the final," apology to the current South Korean regime at the end of 2015. Simultaneously, both governments agreed that Japan pay compensation funds to South Korea from Japanese citizens' tax money.

Why must Japan pay to South Korea on fabricated claim stemmed from fabricated story from fabricated article while sacrificing Japan as a whole is definitely questionable but should be considered as a part of wheeling and dealing in the world politics considering geopolitical perspective. Certainly, these subjects will never be taught in elementary level education in California. Yet, such politically motivated agreement does not mean that minors in California deserve to learn untruthful "lie" spread as propaganda; a conspired act of evil activists.

We tend to think terrorism is an act of physical destructive violence targeted at a limited number of general public, regarded as innocent victims with no defensive means. The propaganda on so called "comfort women issue" is an act of terrorism by means of mass media targeted at unlimited number of general public; once again regarded as innocent victims with no defensive means. It is not just to defame names of men and women that served to protect Imperial Japan, which included men and women having ancestries of Manchuria, Korea, Taiwan and Japan, their ancestors, descendents of today and tomorrow,

but also to relay incorrect historical fabricated lie to innocent minors residing in California. Therefore, it would not be fair to the minors, the unprotected innocent victims with no defensive means, if California educators are planning to teach propaganda schemed contents in reference to “comfort women.” Needless to say, it is true that comfort women existed as ordinary prostitutes that sold their bodies in exchange for money in order to fulfill sexual desires of military servicemen. So, if California wishes to teach the subject on comfort women, i.e., paid “professional” prostitutes that offered sexual services to men in armed forces, it should be explicit that they were in the exact profession available to serve all military servicemen around the world to date, and without their presence, all military servicemen around the world would have raped or sweet-talked non-professional local women of any nationality and age, some of which could have been left pregnant or could have become contracted victims of sexually transmitted diseases.

Namely, if California educators wish to teach minors on the subject, it would be a choice of teaching the subject on prostitution to underage minors that such profession existed back then and still existing today even within the town where minors reside today. And, to be fair for all, the educators may wish to add, in some parts of the world prostitution is legal, and in some parts of the world it is illegal but it has been around since the beginning of mankind, as a survival means for women held liable owing to insufficient financial care and/or support with or without their own will. And, further, educators may add, any of our forefathers and ancestors may have accepted such services rendered, although such incidents are rarely found when we trace our individual family history.

Minors will eventually grow up to learn how to question and start absorbing knowledge on their own. That is when they have reached at “student” level. By then it is expected that students could digest and judge right from wrong. In order for them to do so, we are preparing pupils through appropriate education which should be freed from “lies.”

The propaganda activists are extreme danger to our young vulnerable minors. Just as terrorists train their young members to believe that would endanger stability and peace, the activists are trying to accomplish the same. Therefore, supporting activists’ interests should be avoided by all means. It is our hope that educators in California would look into considerable amount of truthful evidences and assure that facts are built on concrete and reliable foundation prior to sharing with underage minors for the sake of their future.

Per “Nazi War Crimes & Japanese Imperial Government Records, IWG (Interagency Working Group), Final Report to the United States Congress, April 2007” the IWG attempted to investigate on the issue pertaining “to the so-called “comfort women” program—the Japanese systematic enslavement of women of subject populations for sexual purposes.” The study

included many other issues but in overall it states, the US spent \$30 million from tax payer's dollars between 1998 and 2007, and it mentions no findings on the comfort women issue.

It seems if California educators still wish to teach comfort women issue, it may be appropriate to teach minors that propaganda exists, and conspirators and activists exist. And, it may be concise if educators could share facial photos of those that are promoting the idea to teach this particular subject in California so minors would know what they actually look like. A picture is worth a thousand words. Seeing is believing. If taught in such context, the comfort women issue could be made into meaningful and educational tool. In this way, students (may be too difficult for pupils) would acknowledge the presence of propaganda and instigators in their own backyard, then they sense the reality, debate on probable background, motives, strategies, activities, final mission objectives, etc. - **Kai Sabi**, Los Angeles, CA